

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL SEEDS POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have since adopted National Seeds Policy, 2002;
- (b) if so, the main features thereof;
- (c) whether the new policy would help to boost export of seeds;
- (d) if so, whether the provision for more funds for research and development of quality seeds would be made in the policy; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The main features of the National Seeds Policy, 2002 include, inter-alia, development of new & improved varieties of plants, timely availability of quality seeds, compulsory registration of seeds, creation of infrastructure facilities, quality assurance, promotion of seed industry, abolition of licensing for seed dealers, facility for import of best quality seeds, encouragement for export of seeds and creation of Seed Banks and National Seed Grid.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d)&(e): The Central Government is providing adequate funds to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and State Agricultural Universities for research and development of quality seeds.